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AUGUST 14, 1972

TO: HENRY A. KISSINGER  
FROM: AL HAIG

ANNOUNCEMENT WENT PRECISELY ON SCHEDULE AND EXACTLY AS YOU DIRECTED.

WE HAVE HAD EXCITING 24 HOURS, WITH GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER ANNOUNCING IN ISRAEL THAT YOU HAD TOLD HIM THAT AN AGREEMENT HAD BEEN WORKED OUT IN MOSCOW AT THE TIME OF THE SUMMIT WHICH WOULD PROVIDE FOR 35,000 SOVIET JEWS TO EMIGRATE EACH YEAR. WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF TALKING TO THE GOVERNOR, I PULLED BACK GENTLY FROM THAT POSITION AND GAVE ZIEGLER THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE: (1) THE U.S. POSITION ON THE RIGHT OF EMIGRATION IS CLEAR; AND (2) UP TO JUNE OF THIS YEAR, THERE HAVE BEEN OVER 15,000 JEWS WHO EMIGRATED. AT THIS RATE, THERE WILL BE BETWEEN 30,000-35,000 BY THE END OF THE YEAR. WE HAVE NOTHING MORE TO ADD OTHER THAN TO CONFIRM IN A QUESTION AND ANSWER THAT THE SUBJECT WAS DISCUSSED IN MOSCOW.

I IMMEDIATELY CALLED NANCY AND TOLD HER WE WERE NOT GOING TO PULL THE RUG OUT FROM UNDER THE GOVERNOR, BUT WE WOULD HAVE TO BE CIRCUMSPECT. I SPOKE WITH THE GOVERNOR AFTER HIS ARRIVAL. HE CONCURRENTLY PULLED BACK AT THE AIRPORT THIS MORNING, STATING THAT

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"AGREEMENT WAS THE WRONG WORD BUT THAT THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME MEETING OF THE MINDS. I THINK EVERYTHING IS UNDER CONTROL. THE GOVERNOR IS DELIGHTED WITH THE POSITION WE TOOK WHICH DID NOT EXPOSE HIM, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, WE DID NOT GO OUT ON A LIMB WITH THE SOVIETS AND CONFIRM SOMETHING WAS NOT SO AND WHICH COULD BE VERY TROUBLESOME.

SHRIVER'S PERFORMANCE ON MEET THE PRESS YESTERDAY, AS I TOLD YOU, WAS A DISASTER. ROGERS TOOK HIM ON FROM MIAMI THIS MORNING AND WAS HIMSELF MISQUOTED WHEN HE WAS ALLEGED TO HAVE SAID THAT IF ANYONE LET ANY BALLS DROP, IT HAD TO BE LYNDON JOHNSON. HE NEVER SAID THAT AND CALLED ME AS SOON AS HE READ THE MISQUOTE ON THE WIRE. I CALLED LYNDON JOHNSON AND INSISTED THAT ROGERS DO THE SAME. JOHNSON IS HAPPY AND THE MISQUOTE IS BEING CORRECTED.

WE SPENT ALL DAY YESTERDAY AND LAST NIGHT PREPARING THE FACTS ON THE SHRIVER BROADCAST. COLSON HAS BEEN PUSHING FOR A STATE DEPARTMENT WHITE PAPER. MY OWN VIEW IS THAT ROGERS' STATEMENT TODAY WILL BE ENOUGH. IN ANY EVENT, WE ARE WORKING WITH STATE TO PREPARE ONE, BUT I HAVE INSISTED THAT NO DECISION BE MADE TO RELEASE IT UNLESS WE ARE ABSOLUTELY CONVINCED IT WON'T JUST SERVE AS ANOTHER PLATFORM FOR FURTHER ATTACKS. AS OF NOW, COLSON AND COMPANY ARE FULLY AWARE AND AGREED WITH THE FACT THAT WE WILL SHUT UP ON VIETNAM STARTING TOMORROW UNDER THE MANTLE OF SENSITIVE NEGOTIATIONS CURRENTLY UNDER WAY.

YOU ARE SET ON CAMP DAVID FOR SATURDAY, AND PAT AND I WILL GO WITH YOU.

JON HOWE IS IN NEW YORK DELIVERING MESSAGE, AND I AM EXECUTING REMAINDER OF SCENARIO WITH RESPECT TO DOBRYNIN, JHA AND THE SWISS.

HOPE EVERYTHING IS SATISFACTORY IN SWITZERLAND.  
WARM REGARDS.

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